



Tucson Diversion Channel - Old Nogales Interceptor Sewer Augment Project

## U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS LOS ANGELES DISTRICT

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Public Notice No.: 408-SPL-PN-2020-0023 Permit No.: 408-SPL-2020-0023 Comment Period: 2020-12-09 to 2021-01-08

**Requester:** In compliance with U.S.C. Title 33, Chapter 9, Subchapter 1, Section 408, WestLand Resources for Pima County Regional Wastewater Reclamation Department (PCRWRD), through Pima County Regional Flood Control District, has requested permission from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) to alter Tucson Diversion Channel (TDC).

## Location:

The proposed action would install one steel casing pipe with three HDPE carrier pipes for sanitary sewer underneath Tucson Diversion Channel in the city of Tucson, Pima County, Arizona. The proposed features are not inside the channel, and will therefore not require construction within the channel.

## **Requester's Proposed Action:**

PCRWRD is proposing to install approximately 93 feet of a 60 inch diameter steel casing pipe underneath Tucson Diversion Channel. The casing pipe would be installed via jack-and-bore method at a minimum depth of 2 feet under the channel. This casing pipe would carry three HDPE sanitary sewer pipes of varying diameters up to 28 inches. The jack and bore excavation pits for construction purposes would be outside of the channel footprint. Access for construction vehicles is available from existing roads and parking lots on both north and south side of the channel. No construction equipment will go directly above the channel.

Construction staging and material placement will be in the construction right of way along railroad property, to the north and south of the TDC.

The purpose of the new sewer line would be to redirect flow from an existing 10-inch sewer, service the existing state prison, and accommodate future flows from several proposed developments (private, State and County), and the newly constructed E. Aerospace Parkway. This project is needed to facilitate an increase in capacity for the sewer transmission pipe as development occurs because the existing sewer system is not adequate to support demands with proposed development.

**Authority:** The authority to grant permission for temporary or permanent use, occupation or alteration of any USACE Civil Works project is contained in Section 14 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899, as amended, codified at 33 USC 408 ("Section 408"). Section 408

authorizes the Secretary of the Army, on the recommendation of the Chief of Engineers, to grant permission for the alteration or occupation or use of a USACE project if the Secretary determines that the activity will not be injurious to the public interest and will not impair the usefulness of the project. The Secretary of Army's authority under Section 408 has been delegated to the USACE, the Chief of Engineers. The Chief of Engineers has further delegated the authority to the USACE, Directorate of Civil Works and Division and District Engineers, depending upon the nature of the activity.

**Limits of Section 408 Authority:** A requester has the responsibility to acquire all other permissions or authorizations required by federal, state, and local laws or regulations, including any required permits from the USACE Regulatory Program under Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 USC 403), Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 USC Section 1344), and/or Section 103 of the Marine Protection, Research and Sanctuaries Act of 1972 (33 USC 1413). In addition, an approval under Section 408 does not grant any property rights or exclusive privileges nor does it authorize any injury to the property or rights of others.

**Consideration of Comments:** The Corps is soliciting comments from the public, Federal, State and local agencies and officials, and other interested parties. Comments will be made part of the record, and they will be considered before permission is granted to proceed with this action. Please limit comments to the area of the alteration and those adjacent areas that would be directly or indirectly affected by the alteration described in this public notice.

**Submission of Comments:** Interested parties may submit, in writing, any comments concerning this proposal. Comments should reference public notice no. 408-SPL-PN-2020-0023 and be forwarded by the comment due date of January 8, 2021. Comments must be sent to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles District, Engineering Division, ATTN: Priyo Majumdar, 915 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 930, Los Angeles, California 90017-3409. Alternatively, comments can be sent electronically to Priyodarshi.Majumdar@usace.army.mil.

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